



FNINR ANNOUNCES THE SEVENTH COHORT OF AMBASSADORS

May 15, 2024 – Lexington, KY – The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) are pleased to announce the selection of their seventh cohort of Ambassadors. This unique advocacy program began in 2014 and has grown to include over 50 Ambassadors, with this selection of 21 nurse scientists joining the ranks of others currently filling this role.

Ambassadors are selected from a national pool of applicants based on their abilities to advance public, health professional, and policy-maker awareness of the critical research agenda advanced by the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR).

These highly qualified individuals, the majority of whom are nurse scientists, will focus specifically on educating Congressional leaders as to the high-impact, cost-effective interventions and quality-of-life enhancements that emanate from nursing science. Ultimately, the goal of FNINR’s ambassador program is to increase research funding for continued scientific breakthroughs and training of scientists made possible by the NINR.

“FNINR Ambassadors are key players for our organization,” says Victoria Niederhauser, President of FNINR, “These nurse leaders share the excellent outcomes resulting from nursing science that is supported by NINR and advocate for continued funding to conduct cutting edge research that improves healthcare and trains the next generation of nurse scientists.”

NINR supports and conducts clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness, research that spans and integrates the behavioral and biological sciences, and that develops the scientific basis for clinical practice. Nursing science transcends the boundaries of disease and research disciplines to better understand the experiences of individuals and families living with illness, and to develop personalized approaches that maximize health and well-being for individuals at all stages of life, across diverse populations and settings.

The new cohort of Ambassadors includes:

Windy Alonso, PhD, RN

Samantha L. Bernstein, PhD, RN

Kelly Bosak, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC

Sara Bybee, LCSW, PhD

Robert C. Coghlan III, OP, PhD, RN, BSN, MSN, CNS, FNP, CNE

Nancy Downing, PhD, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAN

Shannon L. Gillespie, PhD, RN

Lindsey Harris, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN

Michele Kane, PhD, MSN, FAAN

Hyunhwa “Henna” Lee, PhD, MSN, APRN, PHMNP-BC

Susan K. Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, CPXP, FAAN

Colleen Leners, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

Renee C.B. Manworren, PhD, RN, APRN, PCNS-BC, PMGT-BC, AP-PMN, FAAN

Nicholas Metheny, PhD, MPH, RN

Ukamaka M. Oruche, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, PCC, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN

S. Raquel Ramos, PhD, MBA, MSN, FNP, FNYAM, FAHA

Janna Stephens, PhD, RN

Barbara Swanson, PhD, RN, FAAN

Meghan Reading Turchioe, PhD, MPH, RN

Julie L. Valentine, PhD, RN, SANE-A, FAAFS, FAAN

We look forward to our continued conversations with key Congressional leaders and appreciate their recognition of the value brought by nursing research to the health and health care of individuals, families, and communities.

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